

A TICKET TO AMERICA

MATHIAS SCHNEIDER
a Perry County immigrant

Mathias SCHNEIDER immigrated to the United States from Austria in 1866 and settled in Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois. The following is a copy of the first page of the original four page trip ticket he purchased for his passage to America. A translation of the ticket into English by Eric and Elizabeth YANKE of St. Louis, Missouri, is on the following pages. It seems likely that many of our ancestors, who immigrated from Germany during this same time period, probably came to the United States under very similar conditions, as outlined in this contract.

Regelmäßige
Dreimaster-Schiffe

nach

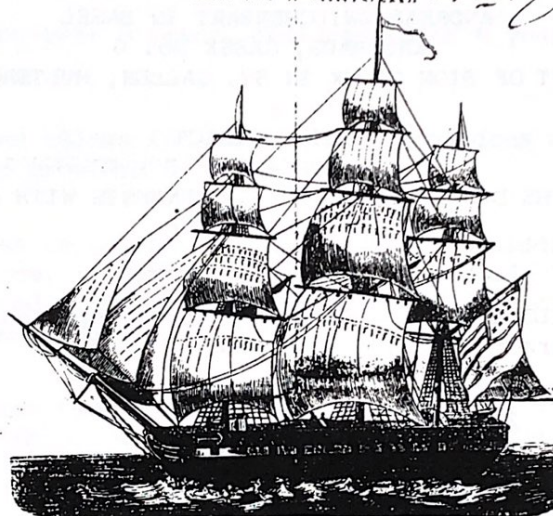
Rio de Janeiro,
Montevideo.

Regelmäßige

nach

Californien.

ALBERT V. CHRYSTIE.



Regelmäßige
Post-Schiffe

nach

New-York,
Buenos-Ayres.

Fahrgelegenheiten

und

Australien.

Auswanderungs- und Geschäfts-Bureau

von

Andreas Zwischenbart in Basel

Kaufhausgasse, Nr. 6.



Magentan von Bion Glück in St. Gallen, Mültergasse.

Reise-Vertrag,

festgestellt

nach den gesetzlichen Vorschriften der verschiedenen Kantonsregierungen mit einer Garantieleistung von Fr. 50,000.

Zwischen Herrn A. Zwischenbart in Basel (oder durch dessen Bevollmächtigten) und nachstehenden Personen ist heute folgender Reise-Vertrag abgeschlossen worden:

Schneider Mathias u. Gf. }
Gub. Jakob Eli. }
Höfner
Mönnchen

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ALBERT V. CHRYSTIE

Regular
Three-Mast Ships
To
Rio De Janerio

Regular
California

Regular
Mail-Ships
To
New York
Buenos Ayres

Possible Trips To
Australia

EMIGRATION AND BUSINESS-BUREAU
OF
ANDREAS ZWILCHENBART IN BASEL
KAUFHAUS, GASSE No. 6
AGENT OF BION GLUCK IN ST. GALLEN, MULTERGASSE

TRIP-CONTRACT
ACCORDING
BY LAW OF THE DIFFERENT KANTON GOVERNMENTS WITH A GUARANTEE
OF FR. 80,000

Between Mr. A. ZWILCHENBART of Basel (or their representative) and following persons a signed contract is being made today:

SCHNEIDER, Mathias	21 Yrs.)	Wolfurt, Vorarlberg
" Gebhart	21 Yrs.)	

1.

Mr. A. ZWILCHENBART takes over the sending of in this contract named persons from St. Margrethen (Switzerland) over Havre (France) to New York under the following rules:

2.

The travelers get on his bill, free trip from St. Margreten by train third class to Le-Havre and are free of paying transport (for luggage?—translator) and any tips on train station.

3.

Every passenger over 10 years has 200 pounds and children under 10 years allowed free.

4.

All meals on the trip from St. Gallen (Switzerland) to the seaport are being paid for by the agency.

- a) On takeover by the agency, it makes sure the passengers get healthy and enough meals and good lodging till his boarding the ship.
- b) If the passenger agreed to pay for his own board, then the agency recommends good and solid hotels where he will, if the ship does not leave on the right time, after the first day of the designated leaving day, be able to stay for free of charge—billed to the agency—no matter if it was the fault of the owner of the ship.

5.

The agency agrees to buying and delivering the provisions that are required by the special ship port as sea provisions:

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OVER LE HAVRE

	NEW YORK			NEW ORLEANS			La PLATA	
Zwieback	lbs.	30					lbs.	41
Potatoes	"	70		proportionally			"	105
Rice	"	5		more			"	7.5
Peas or Beans	"	4		"			"	6
Flour	"	10		"			"	12
Meat	"	15		"			"	22
Butter	"	3		"			"	4.5
Coffee	"	1.5		"			"	2.5
Sugar	"	2.5		"			"	4
Salt	"	2		"			"	3
Vinegar	liter	1		"			liter	2

For adults and children over 8 years, children under 8 years get half of the provision.

6.

The necessary sacks and things for packing the provisions also the necessary dishes and bedding are provided by the agency.

7.

Mr. ZWILCHENBART agrees to pay for enough room on the middle deck of a ship leaving Le Havre, France, in March for sweet water, wood, light room in the kitchen to cook, the bed, 200 pounds luggage, needed medicine, and all other hospital—and head money required by America.

8.

The agency agreed to get the immigrant to the designated place for the agreed on price, even if the ship, because of an accident or other reason, cannot complete the trip.

9.

The boarding is on _____ 186_, on the sail-ship _____ Captain _____.

10.

The price is:

For 2 adults _____ per person Fr. 201 _____ Fr. 402

For 2 persons together

Paid at the signing of the contract

Fr. 40

Fr. 362

In words, three hundred and sixty-two franken to be paid before leaving.

11.

The big luggage belonging to the passenger has to be marked with the name of the owner and the name of the city it is going to and should be brought to the railway station in St. Gallen, Switzerland, by the passenger and deposited. The agency agrees to send it on. If this is not done, the agency is not responsible for sending it. However, if everything is done according to the, then the agency is paying for lost luggage before boarding the ship: whatever was listed as the worth of the things.

12.

The passenger did not want any insurance of his luggage, he can still have it insured at the seaport by the ship's owner, if he pays for it himself.

13.

The shipping does not take place until the immigrant has all the lawful immigration papers. Minors may have to prove their age by showing a

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Christianing certificate.

14.

This contract cannot be broken, nor can it transfer to other persons. If there is a new contract being signed with a third person, then Mr. A. ZWILCHENBART is entitled to half the money that was agreed on in No. 10.

15.

This trip cannot be taken by persons that are: insane, retarded, moonstruck, or otherwise mentally ill, one eyed, blind, deaf or dumb, lame or crippled, persons over 60 years of age, also children under 13 years of age, who have no relatives to take care of them.

16.

If the immigrant, on the way to the seaport or in the seaport, drowns, and cannot board the ship, have still to pay all.

17.

The immigrant is allowed to have the right to complain if this contract is not followed, either by a court in his homeland or by the closest Swiss counsel or the courts where he is staying at the time. A Higher Might, war or revolution, which make passing of the waterways impossible, frees agent ZWILCHENBART of all his responsibilities.

18.

The trip from Basel, Switzerland, takes place by 12 March 1866 and all persons have to be at the bureau with their belongings a day before or earlier if required. Who, at the time of leaving or during it, because of his fault, is late arriving or staying behind, is responsible for himself, also one who gave wrong information about his age.

19.

Relatives or officials who sign for the immigrant are responsible for him. This is completed in duplicate, signed by both parties in their own hand and giving both parties one example.

20.

St. Gallen 22 February 1866

Signature of the passengers:

Mathias SCHNEIDER
Gebhart SCHNEIDER

signature of the agent:

Bion GLUECK

RECEIPT

Accord price	Fr. 202
Received	Fr. 40
Due	Fr. 362
	Fr. 402

Submitted by: Helen STERN YORK
and
Donna TIMPNER VVICHARD
R.R. 1 Box 42
Pinckneyville, IL 62274

Several letters received from Germany by Mathias Schneider and a short biographical sketch of the immigrant will appear in future issues of The Saga.